

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-11, 14-16, 19-20, and 25-43 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 11, 16, 20, 30, 33, 35 and 41 are independent.

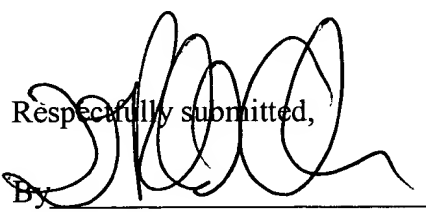
The above amendments merely correct some inadvertent errors and improve clarity, in Claim 16, and are not for the purpose of overcoming any rejection or objection. Applicant has filed a Notice of Appeal concurrently herewith. An Appeal Brief shall follow.

Should the Examiner believe that any outstanding matters remain in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact D. Richard Anderson, (Reg. No. 40,439 at the telephone number of the undersigned to discuss the present application in an effort to expedite prosecution.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,


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